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Robotnik No More?

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IN THE FAR OFF LAND OF SHANAZAR, SONIC MEETS AN OLD FRIEND...

KINTOBOR, IT'S YOU! BUT HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

HOW DID I CHANGE FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK BACK INTO MY ORIGINAL FORM?

IT'S A STRANGE STORY...

"THE LAST TIME YOU SAW ME WAS WHEN YOU DEFEATED ME ON THE FLOATING ISLAND."

NO! I WAS SO CLOSE!

"YOU MUST HAVE THOUGHT I'D DISAPPEARED!"

HE'S GONE... WHAT HAPPENED?

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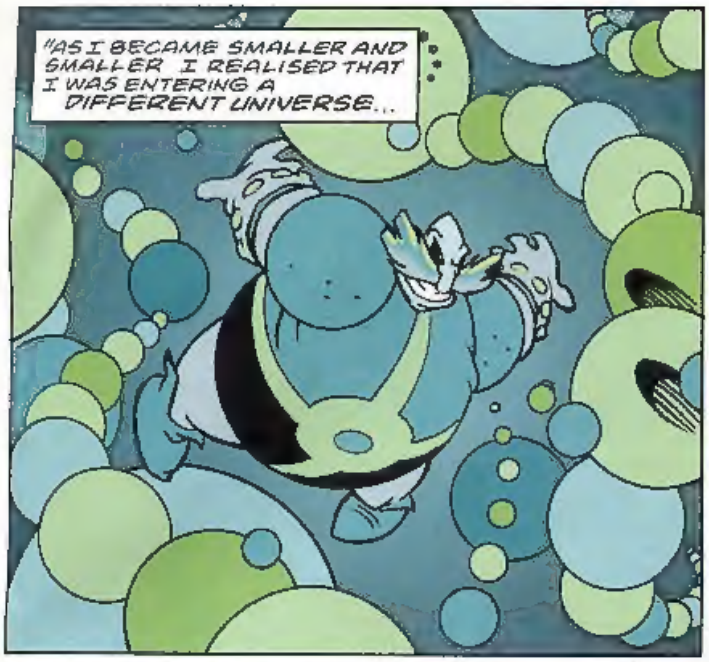
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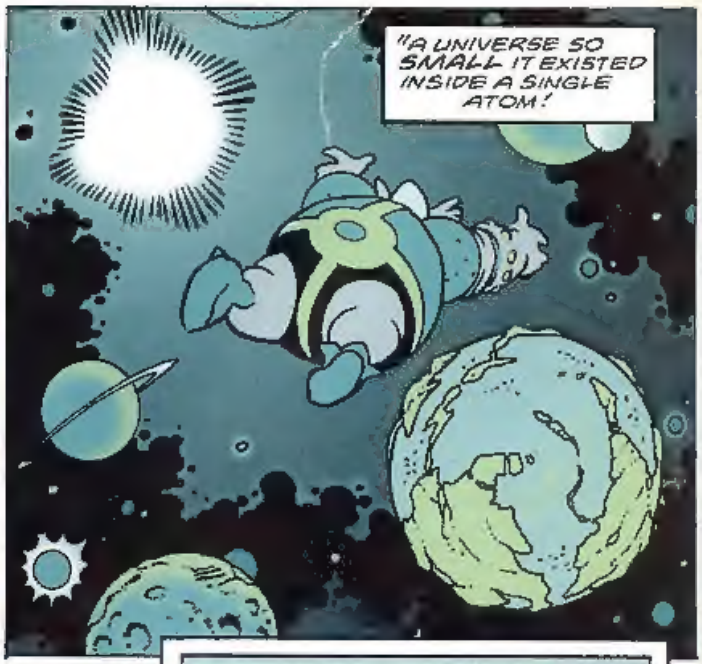
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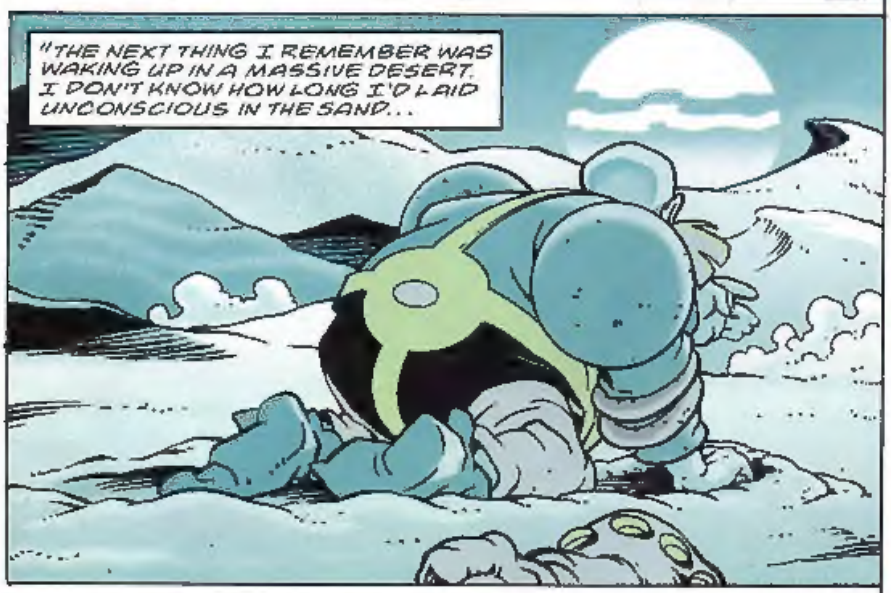
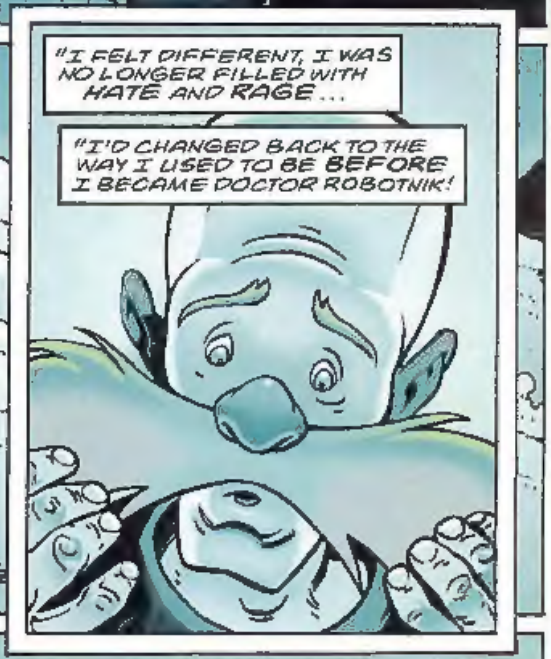
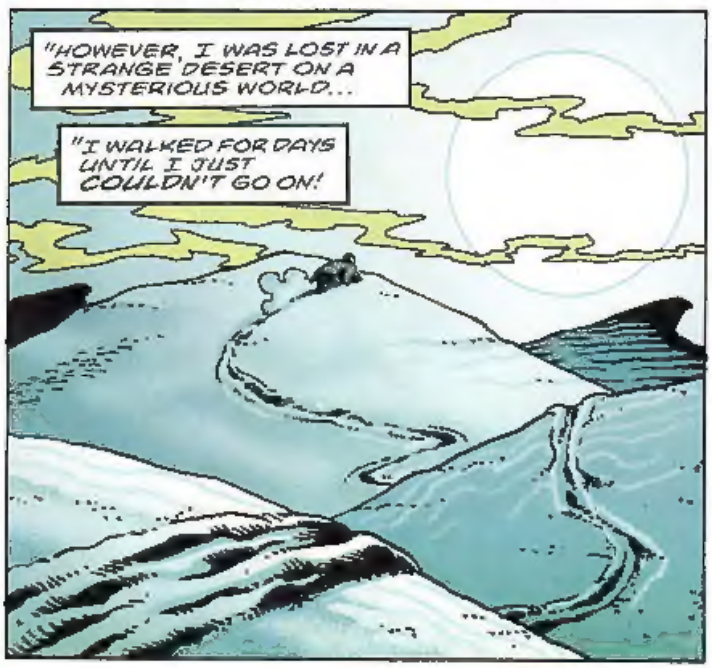
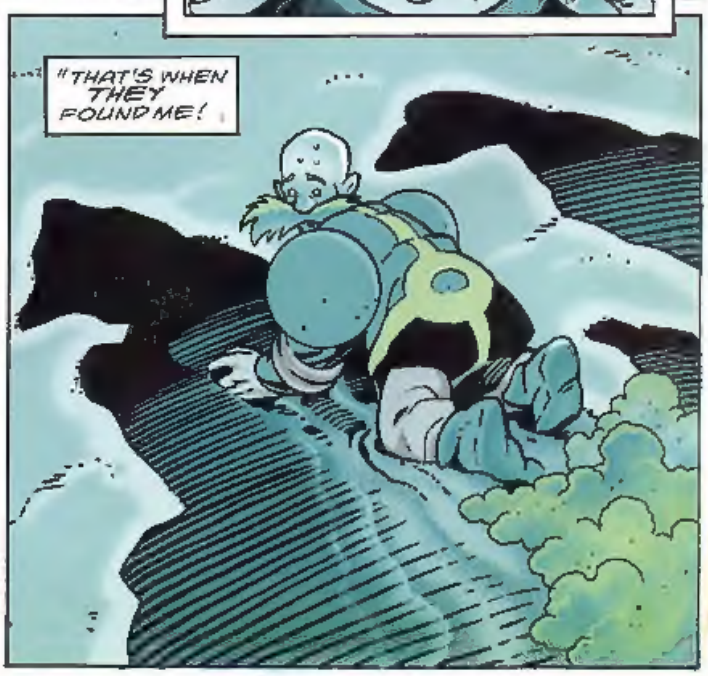
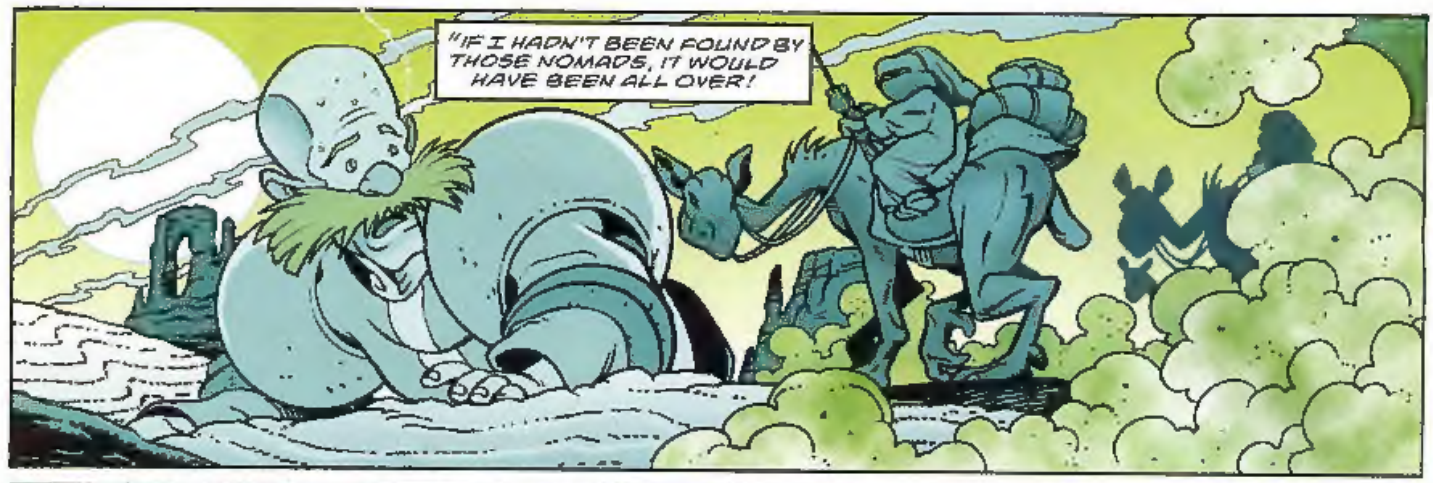
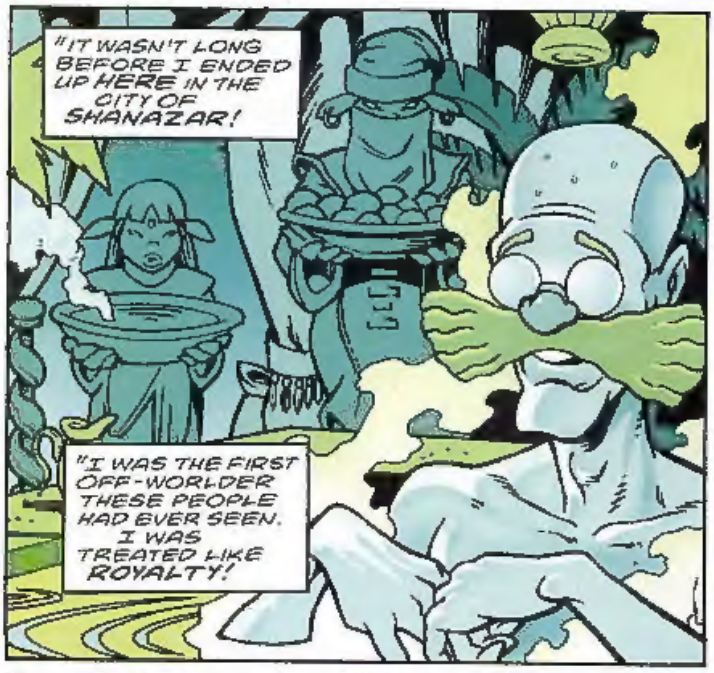

"THE NEXT THING I REMEMBER WAS WAKING UP IN A MASSIVE DESERT. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'D LAID UNCONSCIOUS IN THE SAND...

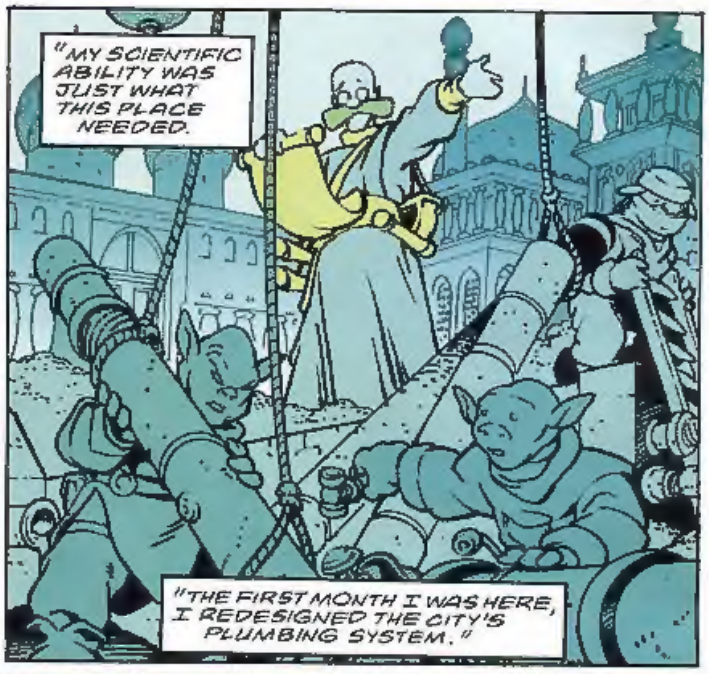

"I FELT DIFFERENT, I WAS NO LONGER FILLED WITH HATE AND RAGE...
"I'D CHANGED BACK TO THE WAY I USED TO BE BEFORE I BECAME DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

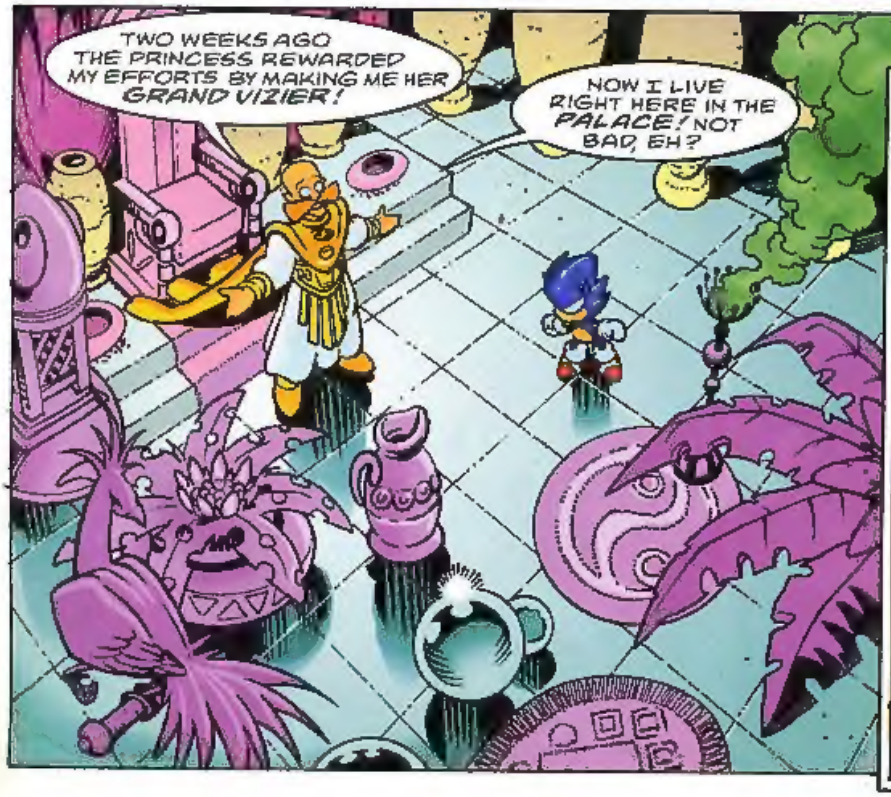

"HOWEVER, I WAS LOST IN A STRANGE DESERT ON A MYSTERIOUS WORLD...
"I WALKED FOR DAYS UNTIL I JUST COULDN'T GO ON!


"THAT'S WHEN THEY FOUND ME!


"IF I HADN'T BEEN FOUND BY THOSE NOMADS, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALL OVER!


"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I ENDED UP HERE IN THE CITY OF SHANAZAR!
"I WAS THE FIRST OFF-WORLDER THESE PEOPLE HAD EVER SEEN. I WAS TREATED LIKE ROYALTY!


"MY SCIENTIFIC ABILITY WAS JUST WHAT THIS PLACE NEEDED.
"THE FIRST MONTH I WAS HERE, I REDESIGNED THE CITY'S PLUMBING SYSTEM."


TWO WEEKS AGO THE PRINCESS REWARDED MY EFFORTS BY MAKING ME HER GRAND VIZIER!
NOW I LIVE RIGHT HERE IN THE PALACE! NOT BAD, EH?

SO, SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SUB-ATOMIC WORLD TURNED YOU BACK INTO YOUR OLD SELF?
THAT'S WHY I'M STAYING HERE... IF I GO BACK TO MOBIUS, I MIGHT TURN INTO ROBOTNIK AGAIN!

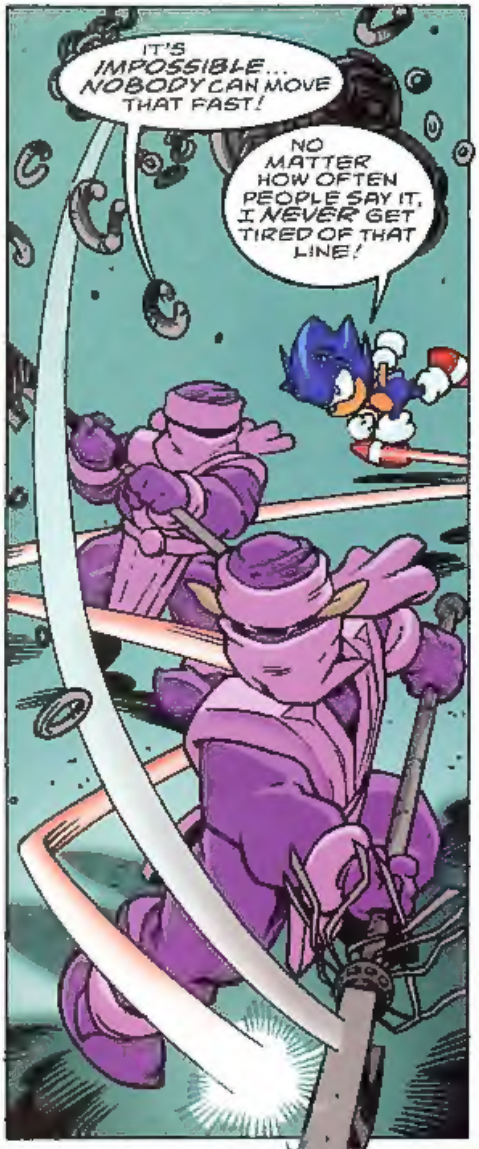
GRAND VIZIER, THE PRINCESS COMMANDS YOUR PRESENCE IMMEDIATELY!
AND WHEN THE PRINCESS SAYS 'IMMEDIATELY', SHE MEANS 'IMMEDIATELY'!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

SO THIS PRINCESS, SHE'S THE RULER OF SHANAZAR, RIGHT? WHAT'S SHE LIKE?
IS SHE CUTE?

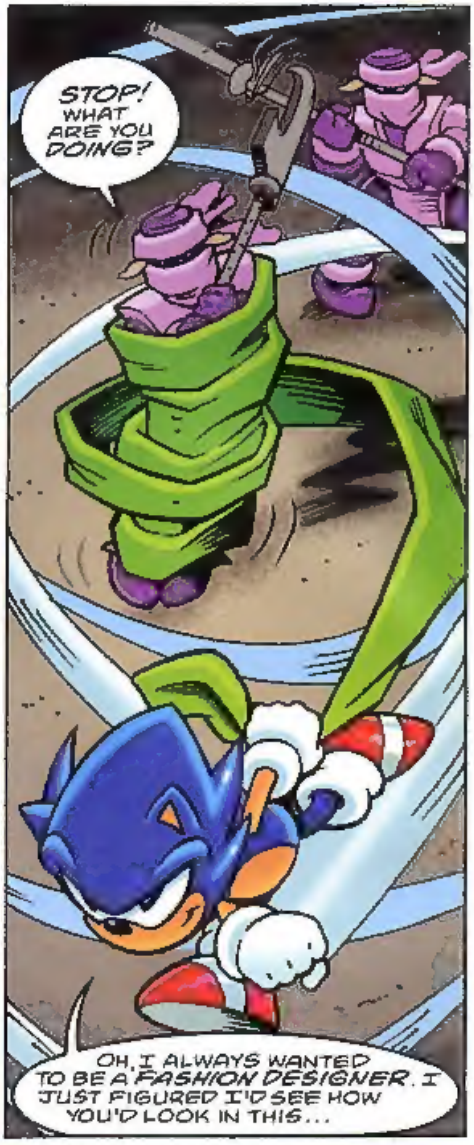
WELL, SHE CERTAINLY MAKES AN IMPRESSION, I'LL SAY THAT FOR HER!

YOUR MAJESTY, I HAVE COME AS YOU COMM...
HEY, LOOK IT'S THAT BLUE SPIKY CREATURE!
HOW DID HE GET OUT OF THE DUNGEON?

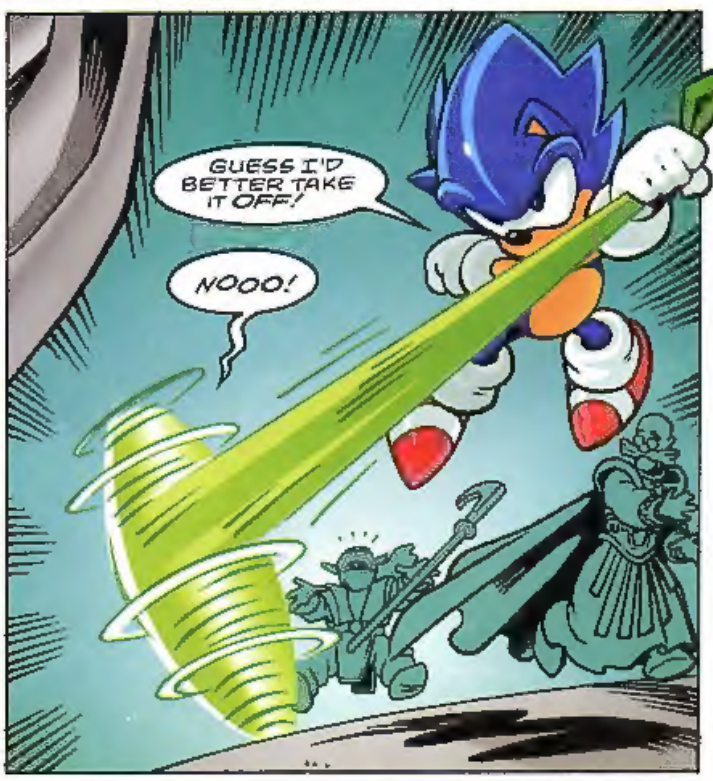
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT, HE'S...
ONE SIDE, GRAND VIZIER, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!

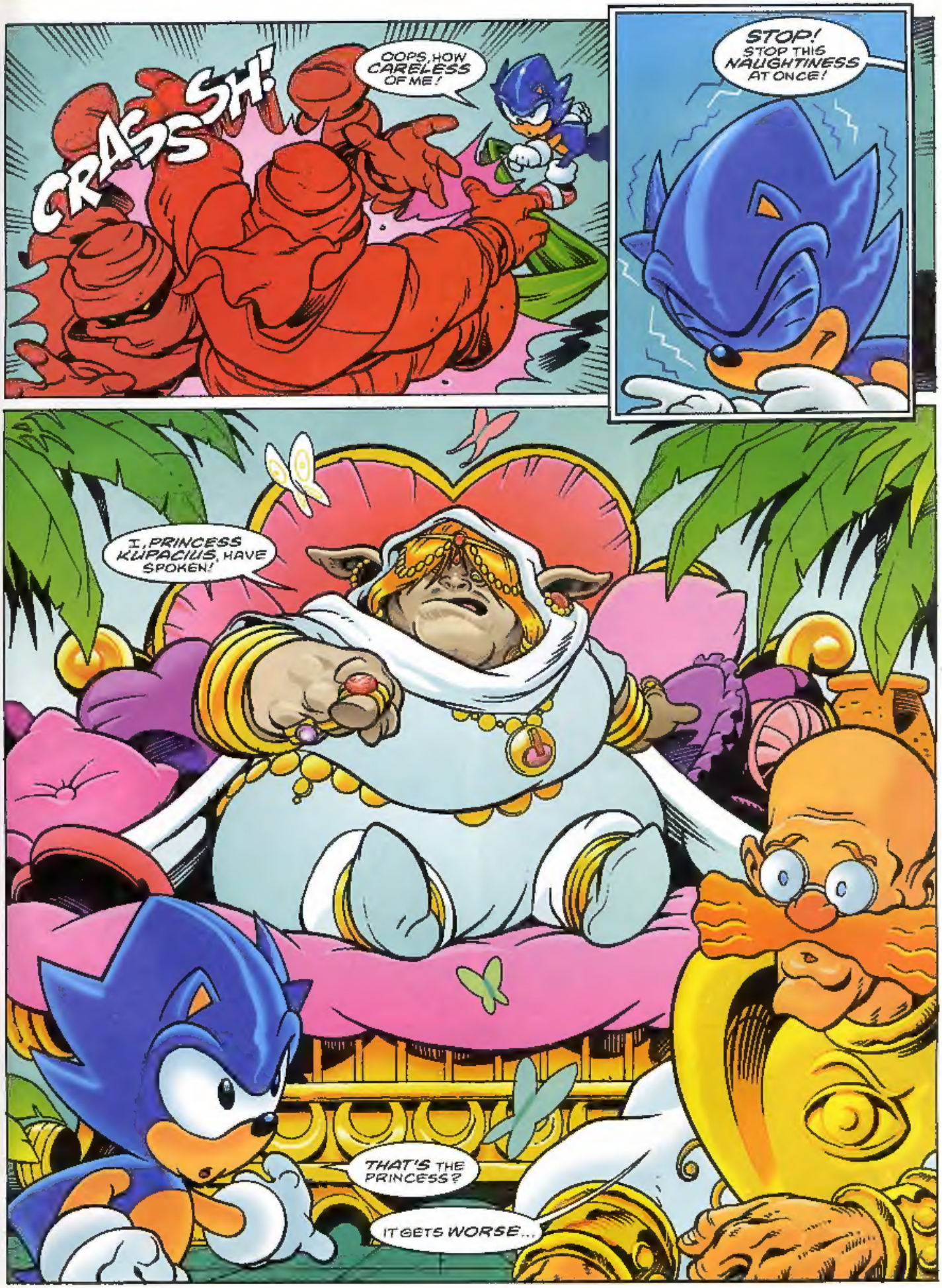

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... NOBODY CAN MOVE THAT FAST!
NO MATTER HOW OFTEN PEOPLE SAY IT, I NEVER GET TIRED OF THAT LINE!

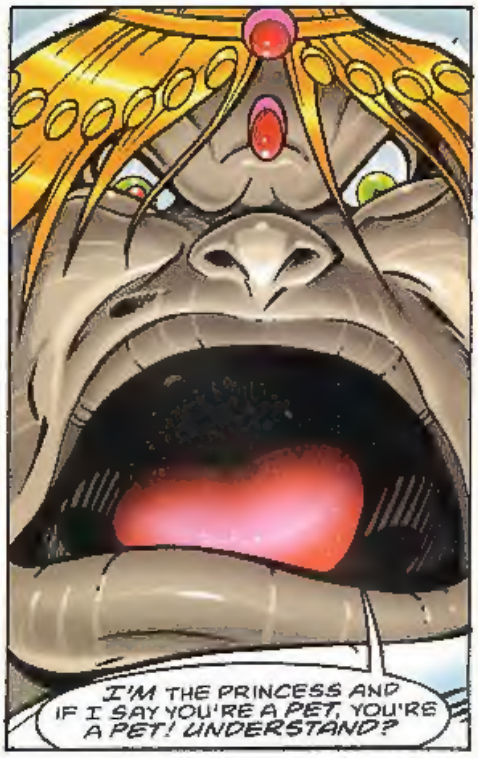
REMEMBER THE NAME, BOYS. IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG... FASTEST THING ON TWO LEGS!
WHAT'S A HEDGEHOG?
SEARCH ME!


STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OH, I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A FASHION DESIGNER. I JUST FIGURED I'D SEE HOW YOU'D LOOK IN THIS...

NAH, IT JUST DOESN'T WORK... GREEN JUST ISN'T YOUR COLOUR!


GUESS I'D BETTER TAKE IT OFF!
NOOO!


CRASSH!
OOPS, HOW CARELESS OF ME!
STOP! STOP THIS NAUGHTINESS AT ONCE!
I, PRINCESS KUPACIUS, HAVE SPOKEN!
THAT'S THE PRINCESS?
IT GETS WORSE...



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Sonic & Tekno

The Trickster

NEW PART III

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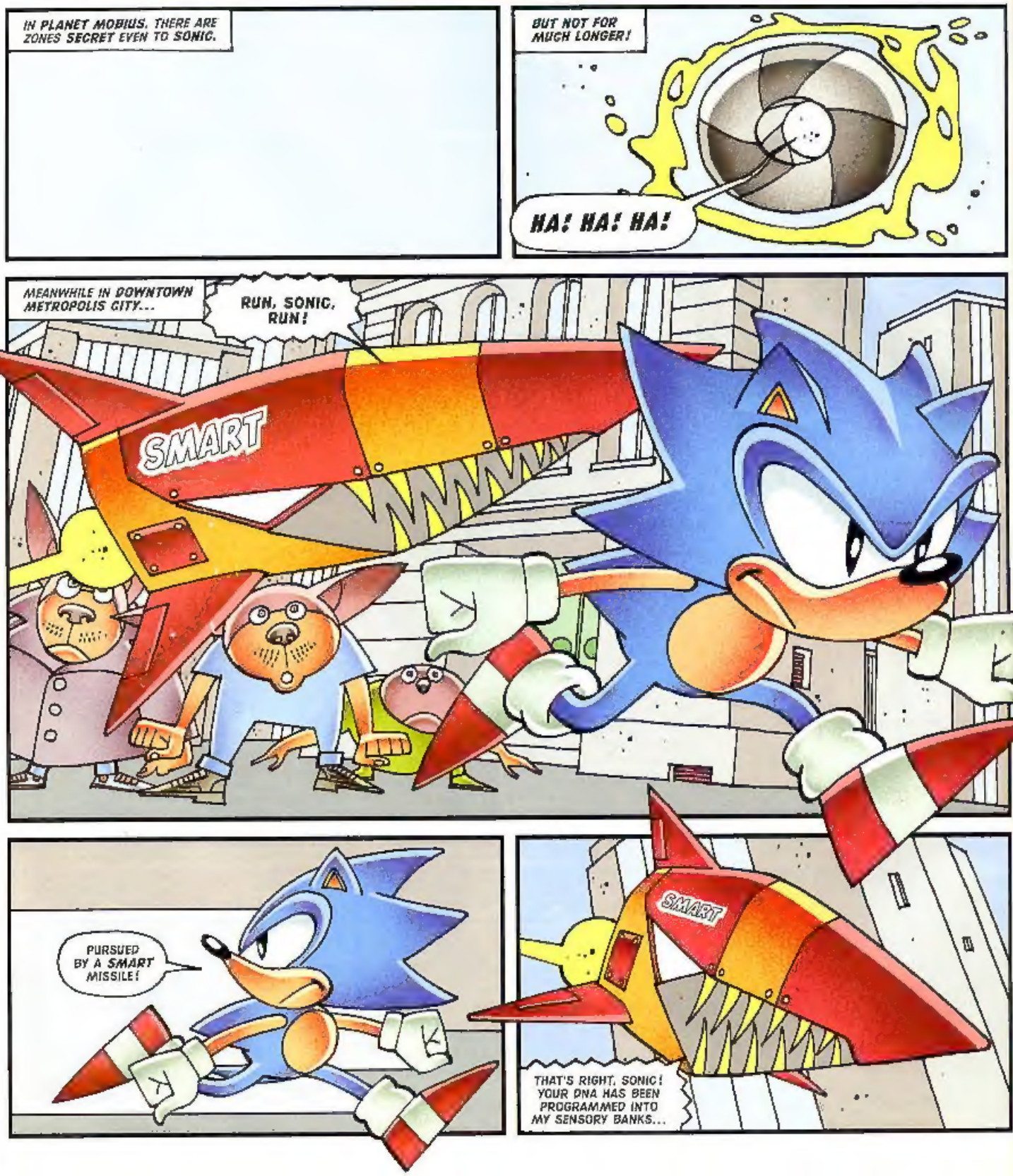
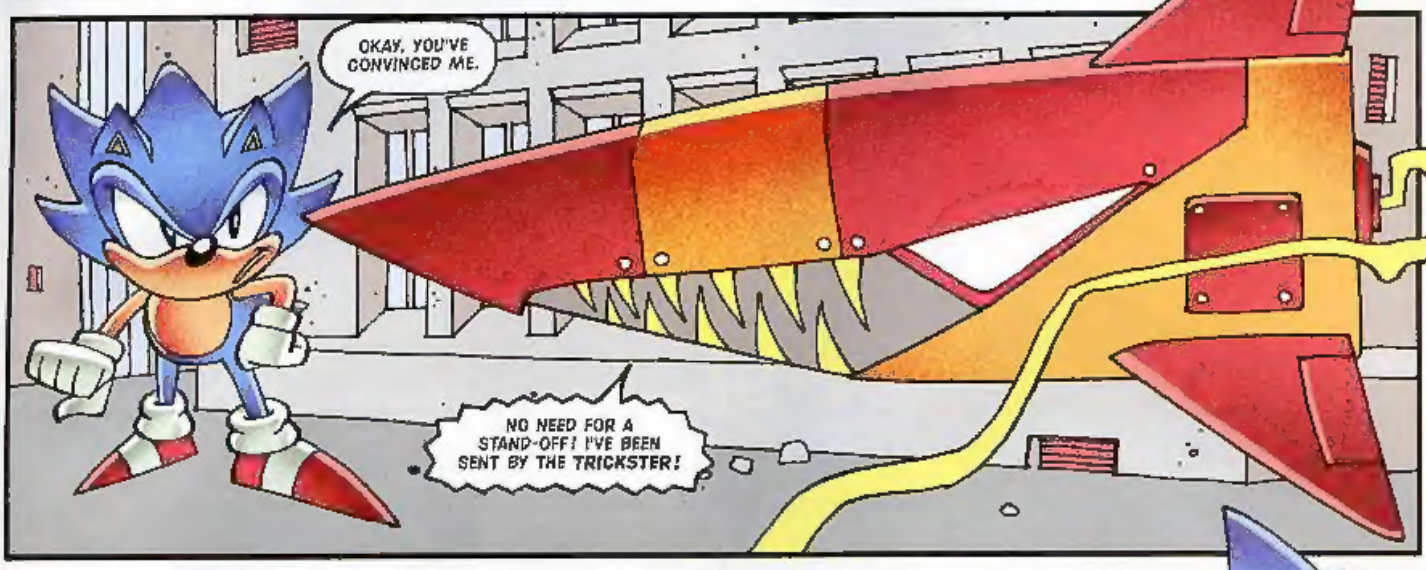
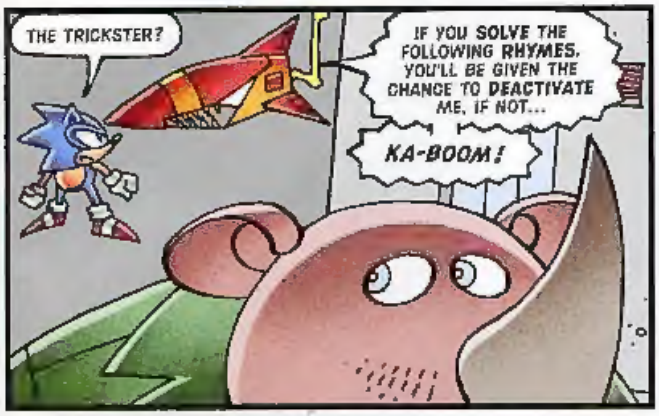
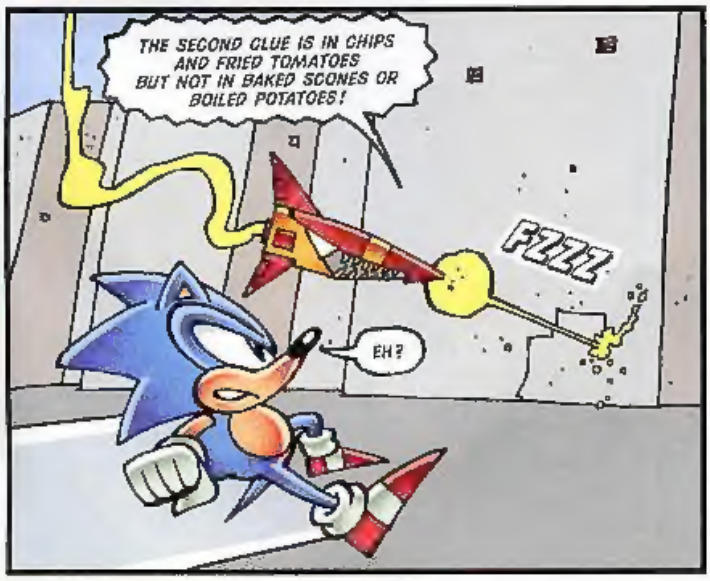


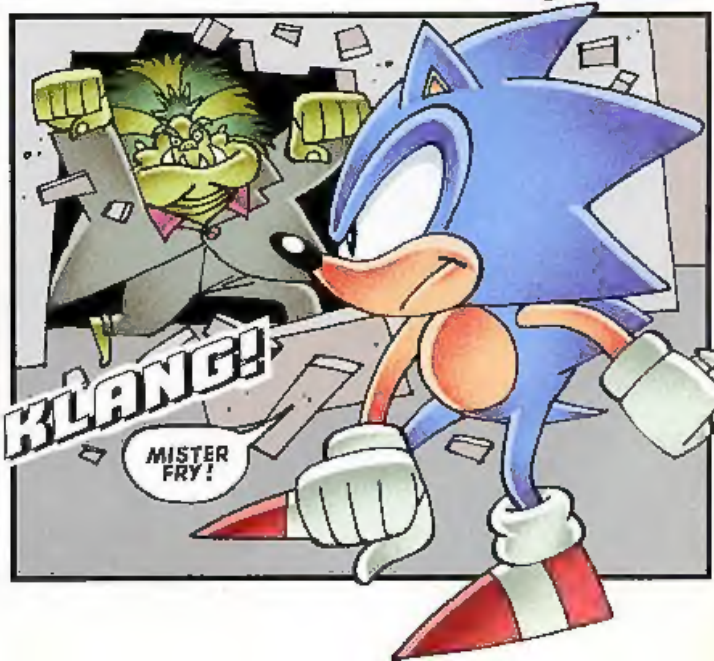
I CAN FOLLOW YOUR EVERY MOVE!


OKAY, YOU'VE CONVINCED ME.
NO NEED FOR A STAND-OFF! I'VE BEEN SENT BY THE TRICKSTER!

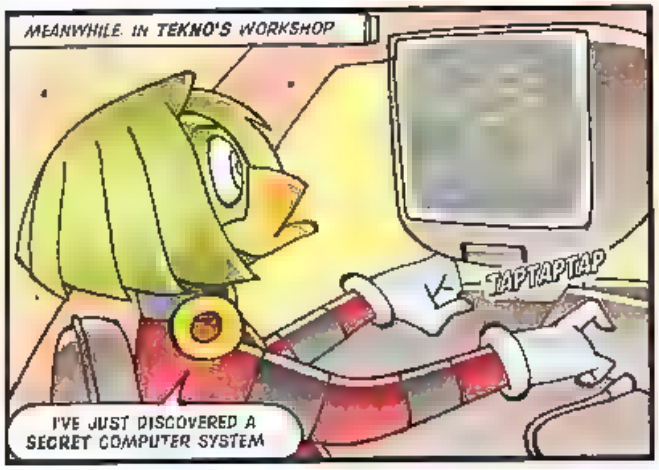

THE TRICKSTER?
IF YOU SOLVE THE FOLLOWING RHYMES, YOU'LL BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO DEACTIVATE ME, IF NOT...
KA-BOOM!

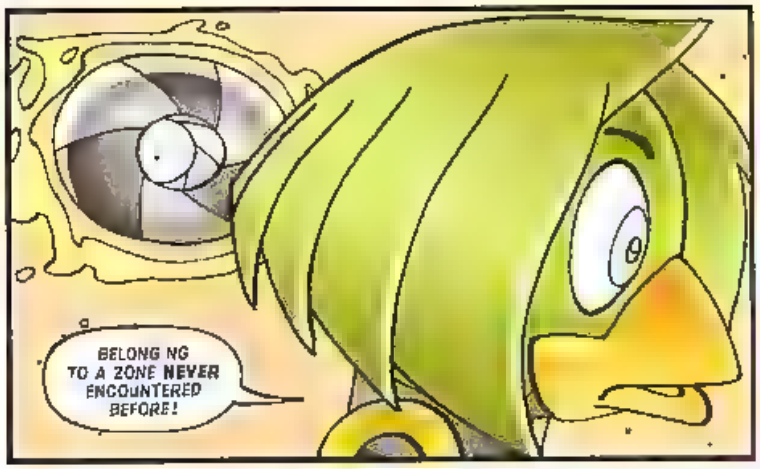
THE FIRST RHYME... THE VILLAINS YOU FACE END UP IN THIS PLACE!
EASY. METROPOLIS CITY HIGH SECURITY PRISON!

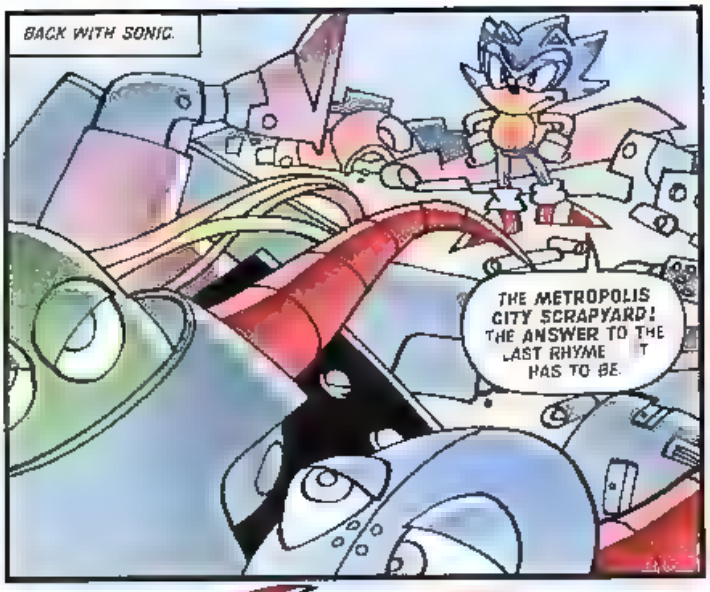

THE SECOND CLUE IS IN CHIPS AND FRIED TOMATOES BUT NOT IN BAKED SCONES OR BOILED POTATOES!
FZZZ
EH?

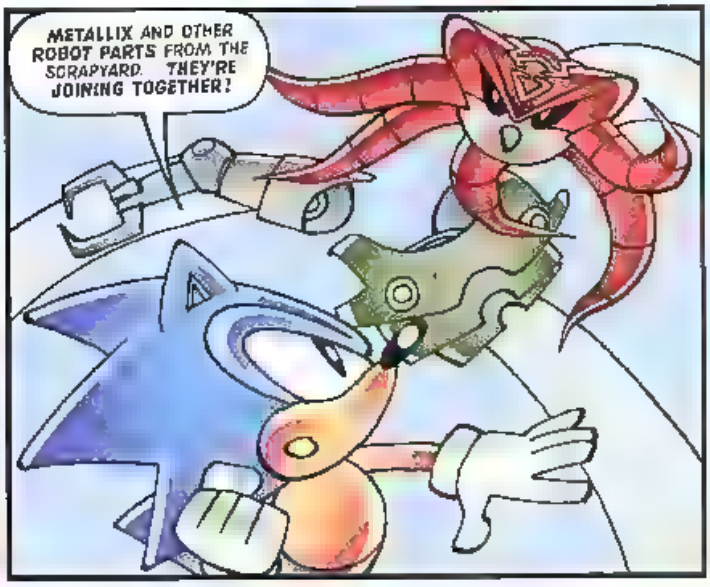

KLANG!
MISTER FRY!

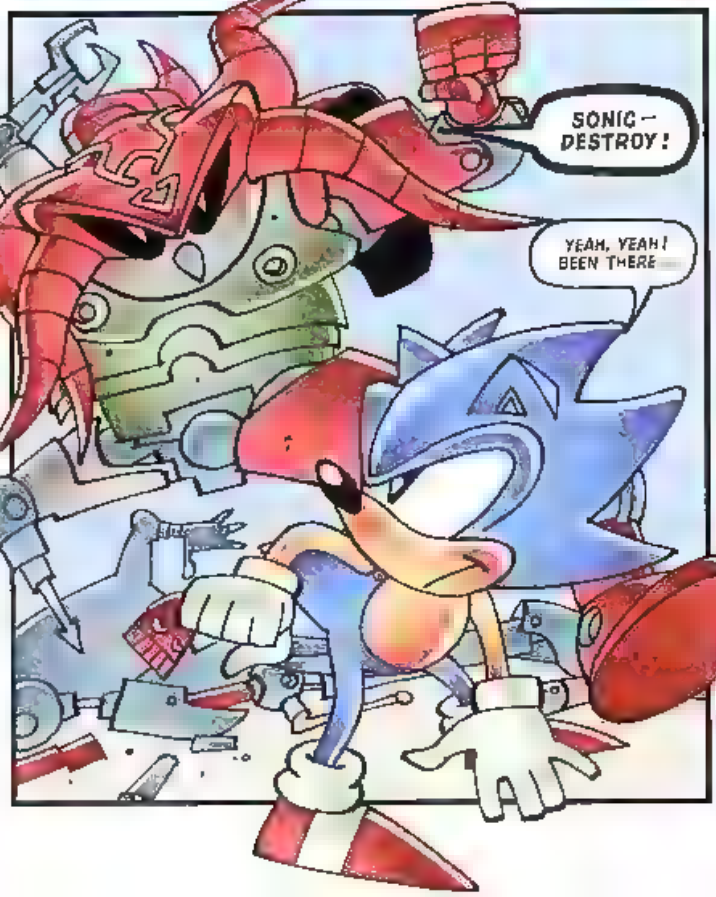
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY LUCK! FIRST, A MYSTERIOUS ELECTRICAL SURGE OPENS MY PRISON CELL, FREEING ME!
NOW THE BLUE FUZZBALL SERVED ON A PLATE!
IF IT'S A SERVING YOU'RE AFTER
HERE. HAVE SECOND HELPINGS!
WHAMM!
WHERE TO NOW SMARTS?
WITH A JUMP, SPIN AND SKIP SEEK OUT THE METAL RUBBISH TIP!
HMM

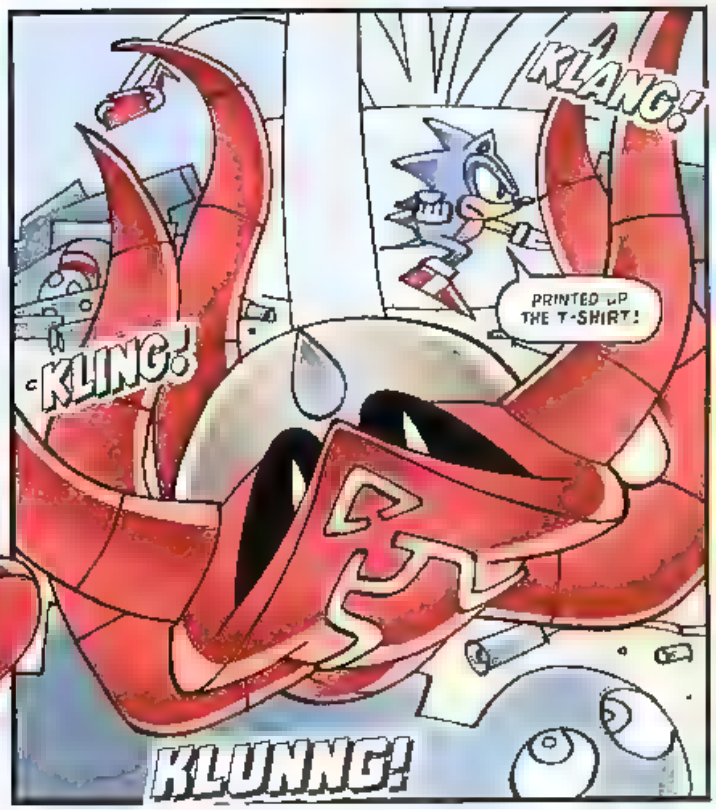

MEANWHILE, IN TEKNO'S WORKSHOP
TAPTAPTAP
I'VE JUST DISCOVERED A SECRET COMPUTER SYSTEM


BELONG NG TO A ZONE NEVER ENCOUNTERED BEFORE!


BACK WITH SONIC.
THE METROPOLIS CITY SCRAPYARD! THE ANSWER TO THE LAST RHYME HAS TO BE.


METALLIX AND OTHER ROBOT PARTS FROM THE SCRAPYARD. THEY'RE JOINING TOGETHER!


SONIC — DESTROY!
YEAH, YEAH! BEEN THERE


KLANG!
PRINTED UP THE T-SHIRT!
KLING!
KLUNNG!

METALLIX. HEH! MORE LIKE METALBITS!

CONGRATULATIONS, SONIC.

NOW YOU MUST PULL OUT THE GREEN OR WHITE WIRE. ONE WILL DEACTIVATE ME. THE OTHER WILL MAKE ME EXPIRE!

NO CLUES, HUH?

I MAKE A WRONG MOVE AND I'M BLUE PIZZA!

VEEEVEEEVEEE

ZZZZZZ...

ZZZZZZ...

TEKNO...!

I JAMMED THE MISSILE'S CIRCUITRY USING A SPECIAL FREQUENCY!

SOMEONE CALLED THE TRICKSTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE CRAZY STUFF THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!

I'VE DISCOVERED A GATEWAY INTO THE TRICKSTER'S SECRET ZONE

LET'S GO!

NEXT INTO THE UNKNOWN!

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The merry-making and money-taking are happening again on Friday 12 March 1999, so if you'd like to have yourself a fun, safe and legal time *and* get some generous relatives and friends to sponsor you, check press nearer the day for further details!

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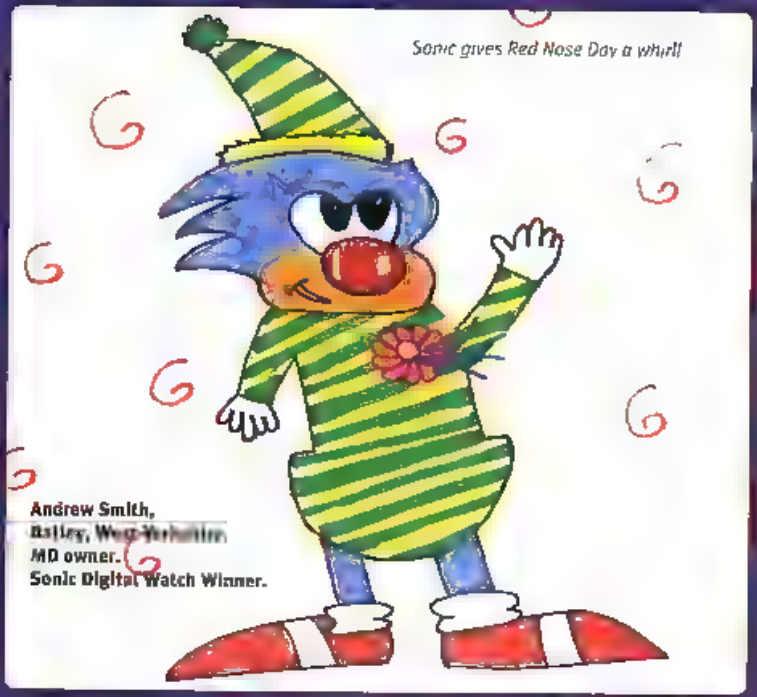
Bishop Middleham, Co Durham.
Sonic Digital Watch Winner.



Andrew Smith,
Batley, West Yorkshire.
MD owner.
Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

Knuckles clowns around!

Joanne Cooper, Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk. Sonic Digital Watch Winner

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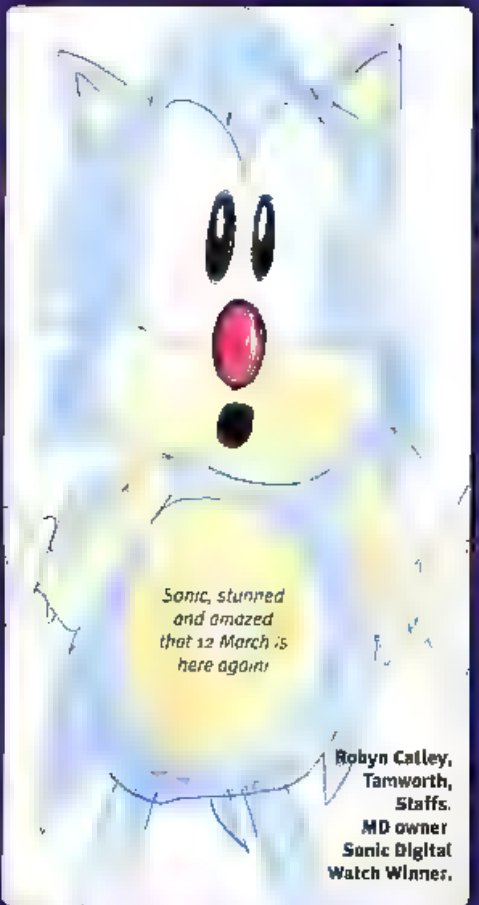

Sonic, stunned and amazed that 12 March is here again!

Robyn Catley, Tamworth, Staffs. MD owner Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

Hot air hedgehog!

Sophia Pattison, Milton, Cambs. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

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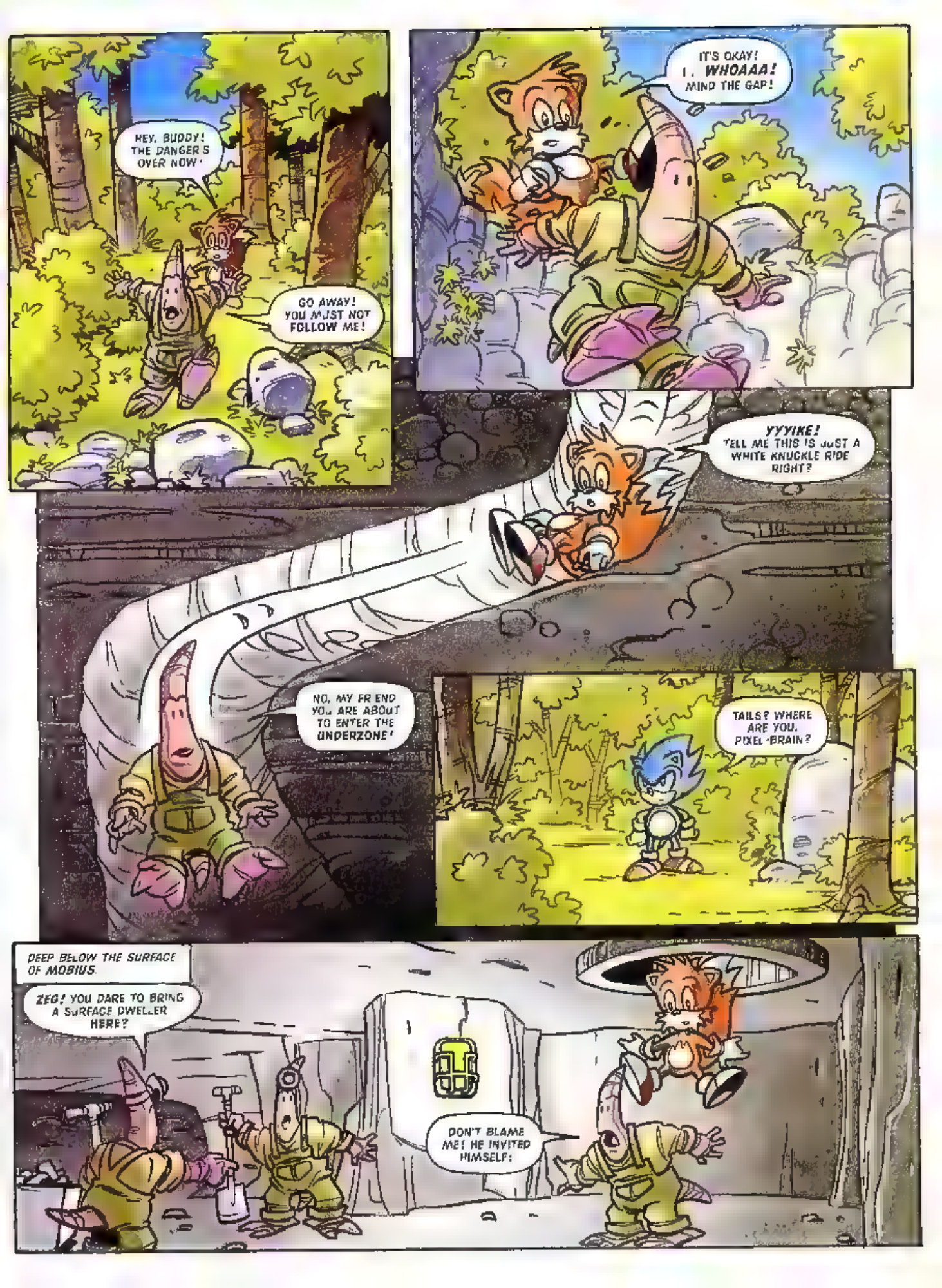
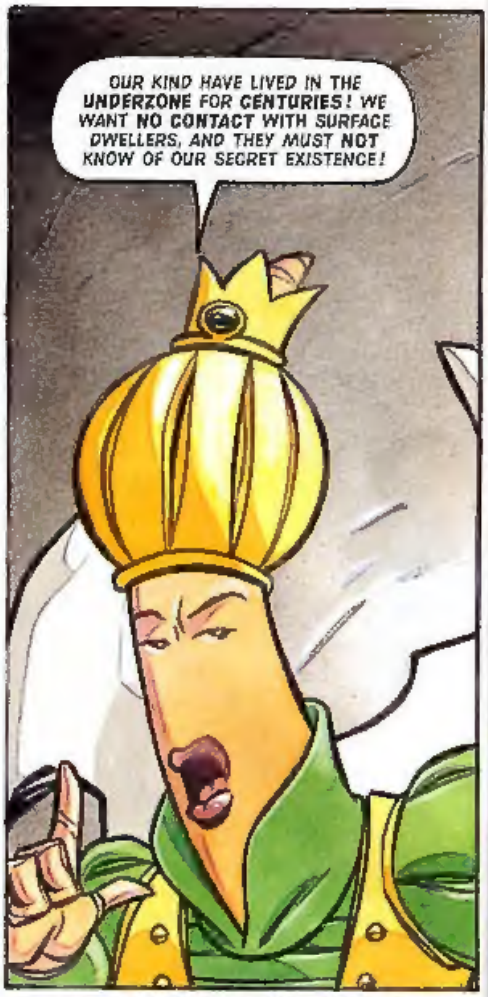
ON PATROL IN THE WOODS OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, SONIC AND TAILS ENCOUNTER A STRANGER UNDER ATTACK...
HEY! LEAVE THE DUDE ALONE CREEPS!
WHY SHOULD WE? HE'S A WEIRDO!
IF YOU WANT TO PICK ON SOMEONE WHO STANDS OUT TRY ME!
UUNGGH!
WHAM!
KEEP THE COAST CLEAR TAILS WHILE I WRAP THIS UP.
SURE THING, SONIC!


HEY, BUDDY! THE DANGER'S OVER NOW!
GO AWAY! YOU MUST NOT FOLLOW ME!
IT'S OKAY! I... WHOAAA! MIND THE GAP!
YYYIKE! TELL ME THIS IS JUST A WHITE KNUCKLE RIDE RIGHT?
NO, MY FRIEND YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE UNDERZONE!
TAILS? WHERE ARE YOU, PIXEL-BRAIN?
DEEP BELOW THE SURFACE OF MOBIUS.
ZEG! YOU DARE TO BRING A SURFACE DWELLER HERE?
DON'T BLAME ME! HE INVITED HIMSELF!

TAILS IS TAKEN TO SEE THE QUEEN OF THE UNDERZONE...
WHO IS THIS INTRUDER?
MY OFFICIAL NAME IS MILES PROWER, BUT I'M KNOWN AS TAILS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.


OUR KIND HAVE LIVED IN THE UNDERZONE FOR CENTURIES! WE WANT NO CONTACT WITH SURFACE DWELLERS, AND THEY MUST NOT KNOW OF OUR SECRET EXISTENCE!

ZEG WAS FOOLHARDY TO VENTURE ABOVE! I THANK YOU FOR RESCUING HIM, TAILS, BUT NOW YOU KNOW OF US I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO RETURN TO THE SURFACE EVER AGAIN!
WHAAAT?

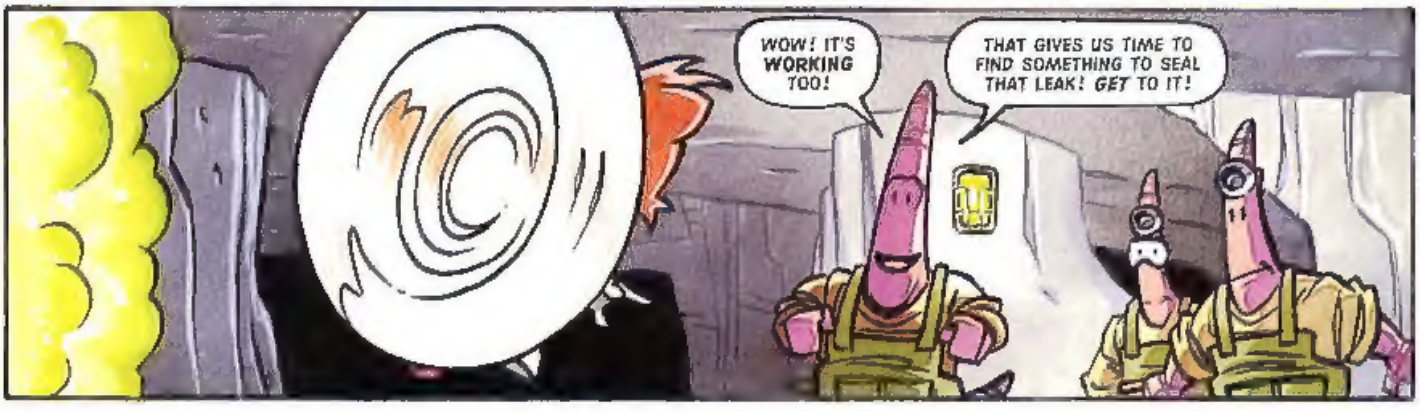
GULP! NEVER TO FLY IN THE SKIES OF MOBIUS OR TO FEEL THE LUSH GRASS OF THE EMERALD HILL!
YOU'RE ONE OF US NOW, TAILS! HAVE A SLICE OF MOULDCAKE!
I'LL PASS, THANKS!

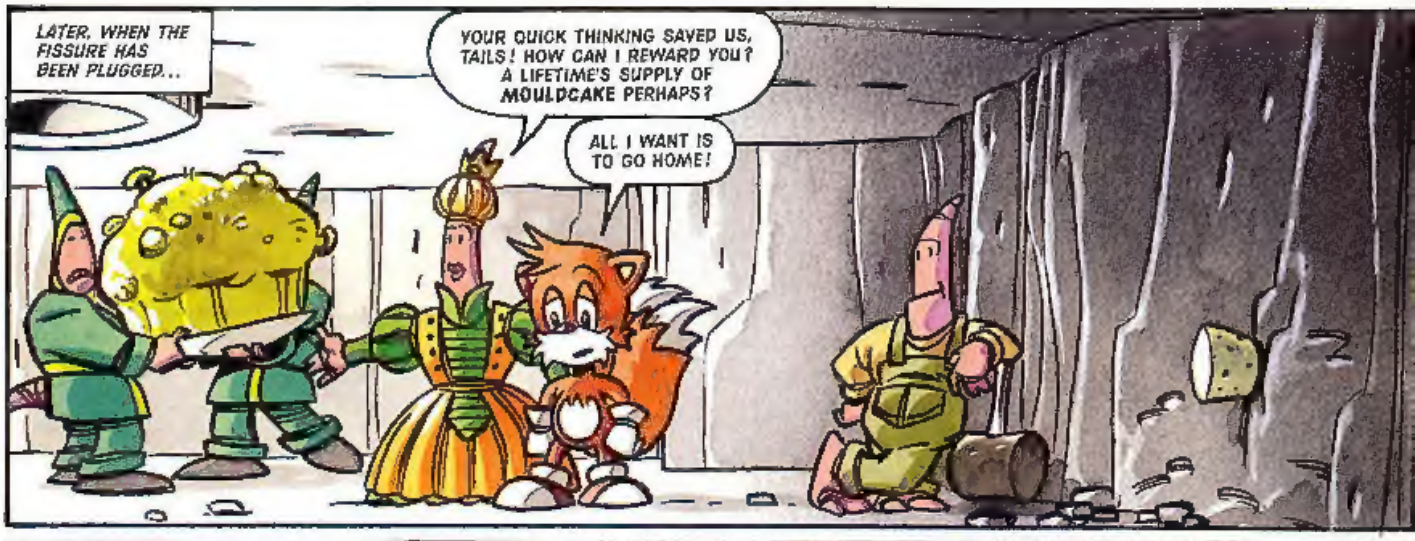
EVERYTHING WE USE IS FASHIONED FROM NATURAL MINERALS! WE ALSO USE COAL FOR OUR FUEL!

OH NO! I'VE STRUCK A POCKET OF POISON GAS!
COUGH!

EVERYONE CLEAR THE AREA! I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS!
YOU? WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY DO?

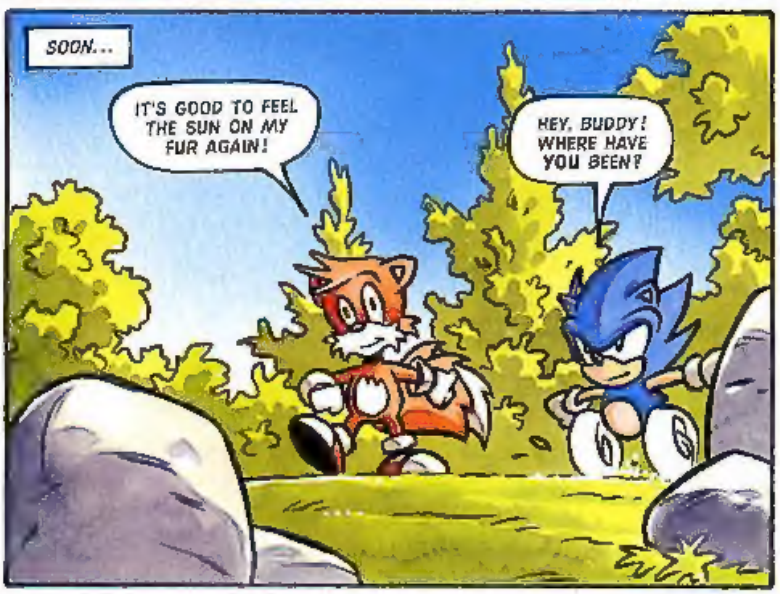
I HAVEN'T ROOM TO FLY DOWN HERE, BUT I CAN USE MY TAILS AS A FAN TO KEEP THIS GAS AWAY FROM INHABITED AREAS!

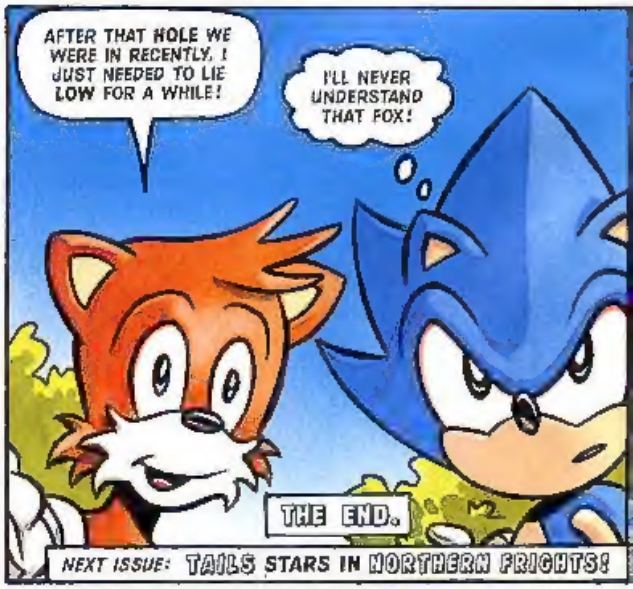

WOW! IT'S WORKING TOO!
THAT GIVES US TIME TO FIND SOMETHING TO SEAL THAT LEAK! GET TO IT!


LATER, WHEN THE FISSURE HAS BEEN PLUGGED...
YOUR QUICK THINKING SAVED US, TAILS! HOW CAN I REWARD YOU? A LIFETIME'S SUPPLY OF MOULDCAKE PERHAPS?
ALL I WANT IS TO GO HOME!

SEEING AS YOU HELPED US, I CANNOT REFUSE YOUR REQUEST! EVEN THOUGH IT COULD MEAN THE END OF OUR CULTURE!
I'LL NEVER TELL ANYONE ABOUT THE UNDERZONE! I GIVE YOU MY WORD!

VERY WELL! GO! FORGET ALL YOU HAVE SEEN HERE TODAY!
I'LL GLADLY FORGET ABOUT THAT MOULDCAKE! YUK!


SOON...
IT'S GOOD TO FEEL THE SUN ON MY FUR AGAIN!
HEY, BUDDY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?


AFTER THAT HOLE WE WERE IN RECENTLY, I JUST NEEDED TO LIE LOW FOR A WHILE!
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND THAT FOX!
THE END.
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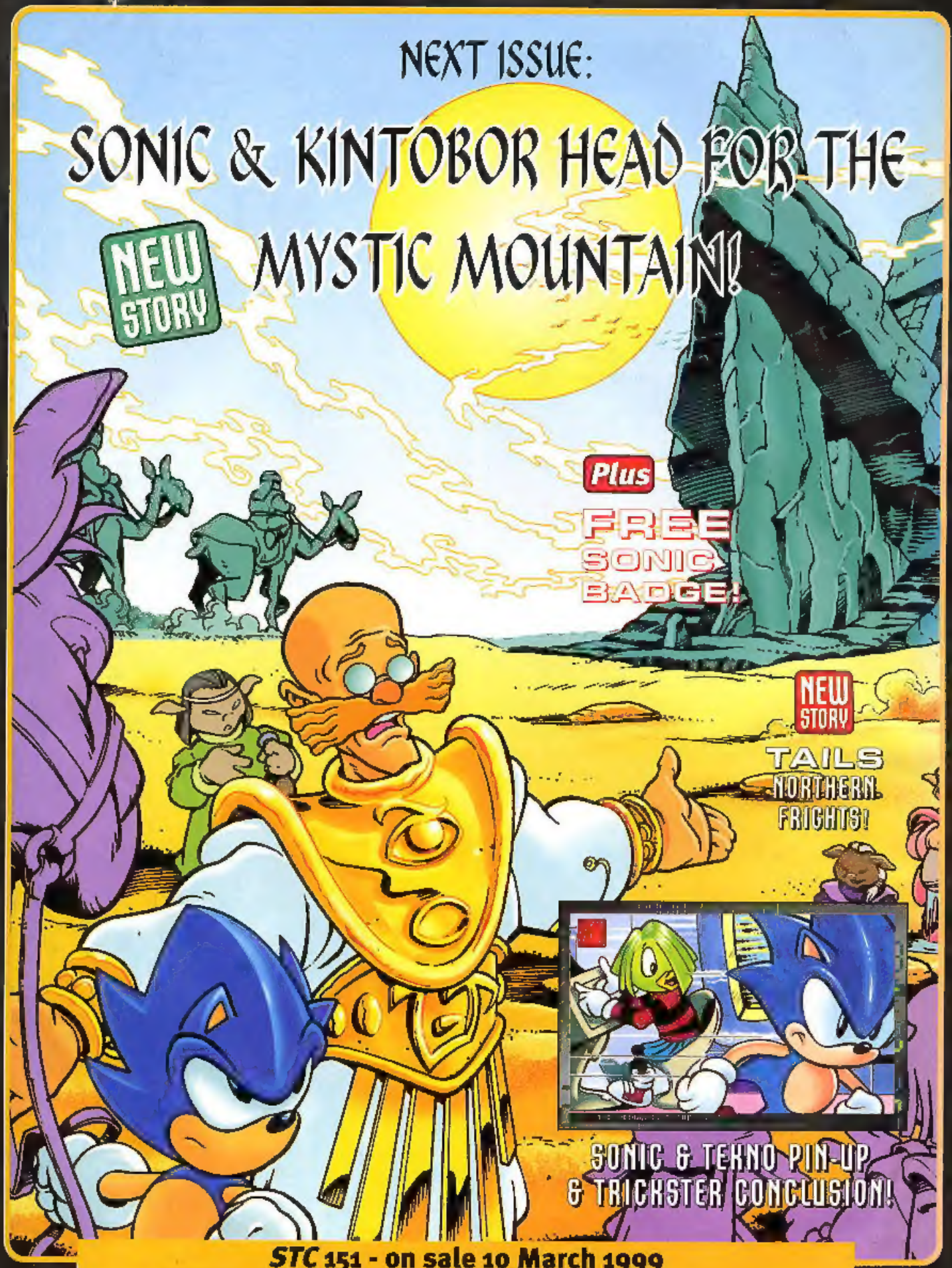

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